

Southwest Montana Community Health Center

*2024 Montana Opioid Abatement Trust
Grants - 4th Quarter*

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Application Form

Region Selection

To collaborate with someone else on this request, click the blue "Collaborate" button in the top-right corner.

Project Name*

Southwest Montana Community Health Center

Select Abatement Region and/or Metro Region*

Select the Multi-County Abatement Region and/or the Metro Region you are requesting grant funds from. Select all regions that apply, for example if you are collaborating with multiple Counties and/or Abatement Regions select each region the program/project will serve. Click [HERE](#) for a detailed map of Multi-County Abatement Regions and Metro Abatement Regions

Silver Bow County Metro Region

Application Overview

About the Organization/Program*

Give a brief description of the Organization/Program/Project. Include the mission statement and the services provided.

Butte Silver Bow Primary Health Care Clinic, Inc, dba Southwest Montana Community Health Center (SWMTCHC) is a private, 501(c)3 nonprofit, volunteer board of director governed organization, dedicated to providing comprehensive healthcare to southwest Montana. Our mission is to inspire hope and empower wellness by providing access to comprehensive healthcare. As a Federally Qualified Health Center established in 1986, our dedicated team of more than 160 employees provides primary medical, dental, behavioral health, care management, and pharmacy services to all. With three clinical locations - Butte, Dillon and Anaconda- we effectively serve and offer extensive services to various communities throughout southwest Montana. Our organization has extensive experience providing wrap-around healthcare services to our communities. Our commitment to quality care is reflected in our patient-centered approach, ensuring that each individual receives personalized and compassionate treatment. We understand the significance of eliminating healthcare barriers, which is why we provide an integrated model that includes a care team made up of MOUD providers, RNs, MAs, care managers, behavioral health specialists, and clinical pharmacists. For the past five years, SWMTCHC has been offering Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) services. SWMTCHC is committed to ensuring that no patient is turned away due to lack of insurance, low income, or homelessness, ensuring that financial barriers do not prevent anyone from receiving care. Our numerous community partnerships enable us to meet patients where they are and provide high-quality care, no matter their circumstances. Since the inception of our MOUD program, patients have been receiving comprehensive treatment for Opioid Use Disorder, which starts with initial screenings and urinalysis, and includes medication management and opportunities to consult with a Licensed Addiction Counselor.

What category does the program fit into*

Check the category/categories the program fits into. You may select more than one option.

Click [HERE](#) for a list of approved opioid remediation uses

Treatment

Exhibit E List of Opioid Remediation Uses

Schedule A - select all that apply

- A. NALOXENE/OTHER FDA-APPROVED DRUG TO REVERSE OPIOID OVERDOSES
- B. "MAT" DISTRIBUTION & OTHER OPIOID-RELATED TREATMENT
- C. PREGNANT & POSTPARTUM WOMEN
- E. EXPANSION OF WARM HAND-OFF PROGRAMS AND RECOVERY SERVICES
- F. TREATMENT FOR INCARCERATED POPULATION
- G. PREVENTION PROGRAMS

Exhibit E List of Opioid Remediation Uses

Schedule B - select all that apply

- A. TREAT OPIOID USE DISORDER "OUD"
- B. SUPPORT PEOPLE IN TREATMENT & RECOVERY
- C. CONNECTIONS TO CARE
- D. ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE-INVOLVED PERSONS
- E. NEEDS OF PREGNANT/PARENTING WOMEN, BABIES W/ NEONATAL ABSTINENCE SYNDROME
- F. PREVENT OVER-PRESCRIBING, ENSURE APPROPRIATE PRESCRIBING & DISPENSING OF OPIOIDS
- G. PREVENT MISUSE OF OPIOIDS
- H. PREVENT OVERDOSE DEATHS & OTHER HARMS (HARMS REDUCTION)
- J. LEADERSHIP, PLANNING, & COORDINATION
- K. TRAINING

How does the program meet the Opioid Remediation Guidelines*

In detail, describe how the program fits into the approved Opioid Remediation Guidelines selected in the above question.

Please be specific

SWMTCHC's project aligns with the Opioid Remediation Guidelines and Butte-Silver Bow County's goals.

Naloxone Awareness, Education, and Prevention:

Broad distribution of opioid overdose reversal medications to individuals with OUD, their families, friends, community events, and local schools.

Opioid-related Treatment:

Outpatient MOUD treatment for about 100 individuals monthly at various locations, including clinics, detention centers, prerelease centers, and through a mobile van.
New patients undergo DSM OUD screening and additional mental health and substance use disorder assessments. Treatment plans are discussed post-assessment, with options for Hepatitis C, Syphilis, and HIV treatment.

Care for Pregnant & Postpartum Women and Criminal Justice-Involved Persons:
Collaboration with obstetrical providers to offer MOUD to pregnant individuals.
Support for prerelease clients by continuing MOUD and initiating treatment for those with a history of OUD, addressing the high risk of fatal overdoses post-incarceration.

Warm Hand-off Programs and Connections to Care:
Comprehensive wrap-around services including housing, transportation, job placement, and childcare resources.
Access to free legal services through Montana Legal Services.
Integrated MOUD care during regular primary care visits and same-day or next-day visits for hospital-initiated MOUD patients

Leadership and Training:
Collaboration with the Montana Addiction Medicine Network and the Montana Primary Care Association on harm reduction strategies, training, state priorities, and tracking opioid indicators.
Presentations on reducing barriers to care and improving continuity of care.
Up-to-date training for staff on best prescribing practices.

SWMTCHC is committed to ensuring the long-term sustainability of our MOUD program, extending well beyond the funding period. We strive to make a lasting positive impact on individuals affected by opioid use disorder, championing a healthier future for Butte-Silver Bow.

New Program or Existing*

Is the funding intended for a new program or to expand an existing program?

A proposed supplement or expansion to a program.

Fiscal Information

Requested Amount*

\$54,526.00

Program Budget*

How will the funds be allocated? Attach a detailed line item budget breakdown for the program. If the funds are intended for a multi-year program please specify the amount budgeted for each year.

Budget Narrative-MOAT.pdf

Multi-Region funding

If funding is being requested from multiple abatement regions attach a detailed breakdown of amount requested from each region.

Multi-Region approval/denial

Does the application need to be approved by all regions to effectively accomplish it's goals?

No

Source of Funding*

Does the program currently receive funding from another source? If yes, please explain in detail. (i.e. amount, funding source, etc.)

Grant funding is intended for the creation or expansion of opioid prevention, treatment, and recovery projects. The money is **NOT** meant to replace or supplant existing funding.

Yes, our MOUD program is the current recipient of the SOR grant totaling \$100,000 per year. The current grant funding of \$100,000 is designated to support 0.33 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) of a nurse practitioner, along with 0.25 FTE for both a registered nurse (RN) and a medical assistant (MA), as well as a care manager. The addition of these requested funds would complement these existing resources, enabling us to expand our MOUD program. This expansion would allow us to increase the FTEs of our committed staff, thereby enhancing our capacity to serve more patients. Specifically, we aim to extend our MOUD services to patients that have entered the justice system, dedicating more time and resources to individuals that have been incarcerated. This focus will support a healthier transition back into the community, ultimately fostering better long-term outcomes for these individuals. Collaborations with local organizations and agencies will be strengthened, facilitating a comprehensive network of support for those in need. Overall, our goal is to create a sustainable and impactful program that not only addresses the immediate needs of our patients but also contributes to a healthier, more supportive community environment.

Do you have a Fiscal Agent*

Yes

Multi-Region request funding additional information

Regional Funding

Please explain in detail the effectiveness of the program, for each region, if not every region approves the application.

Fiscal Agent Contact Info

Fiscal Agent Name*

April Gelling

Fiscal Agent Email Address*

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Program Abstract

Program Description*

Describe the objectives of this project. Provide a detailed overview of the program, including its purpose, priorities & objectives, and intended results.

Southwest Montana Community Health Center (SWMTCHC) started our Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) program in 2018. Since then, we have provided hundreds of monthly MOUD visits at all three of our clinics in Butte, Anaconda, and Dillon. We offer a multi-disciplinary team with medical providers, behavioral health, dental, care managers, and clinical pharmacists. To lower barriers to care, we offer a walk-in program, where anyone can come into the clinic and start MOUD that day if appropriate.

Our primary purpose is to provide comprehensive, evidence-based treatment options to individuals facing opioid use disorder (OUD), thereby enhancing their quality of life and reducing the incidence of opioid-related harm and fatalities. We prioritize accessibility, ensuring that effective medications are available to all individuals with OUD, regardless of their socioeconomic background or geographic location. We emphasize a patient-centered approach, customizing treatment plans to address each patient's unique needs while ensuring that care is respectful, non-judgmental, and supportive.

In addition to improving MOUD accessibility, SWMTCHC promotes awareness about Narcan, a critical tool in reversing opioid overdoses. We engage with the community by collaborating with local organizations, stakeholders, and policymakers to cultivate a supportive environment for individuals in recovery and advocate for policies that improve access to MOUD. By sharing resources and expertise, we aim to build a robust framework that addresses the multifaceted challenges faced by individuals with OUD.

We are dedicated to fostering long-term recovery and resilience, empowering individuals to rebuild their lives with confidence and hope. Our team also works tirelessly to stay updated with the latest advancements in treatment and recovery strategies, ensuring that we offer cutting-edge care and support. Our MOUD care manager has become a beacon of hope and support for our patients. From navigating the complexities of insurance enrollment, to helping access essential services like housing, transportation, and legal assistance, she goes far beyond just managing care. She has become a constant, reliable presence in their lives when they need it most.

By focusing on accessibility, integrated care, and continuous improvement, our MOUD program strives to make a lasting impact on individuals and communities.

Program Reach

If you are requesting funds from multiple Abatement Regions please specify how your program serves each region.
Be specific.

N/A

Specific Goals*

What are the specific goals of the program? List several goals the program hopes to accomplish and how the program intends to meet these goals.

To address the pressing issue of opioid use disorder (OUD) and its devastating impact on our communities, we are committed to implementing a comprehensive strategy that focuses on increasing accessibility to Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD), expanding Narcan distribution, and providing essential community education. Our first goal is to enhance the accessibility of MOUD, particularly for vulnerable populations such as pregnant individuals, those involved in the justice system, individuals who have recently experienced overdoses, and those who are unhoused. By ensuring that these groups have easier access to life-saving treatments, we aim to reduce the barriers that prevent them from receiving the care they need. This funding opportunity would enable our MOUD Nurse Practitioner to dedicate more time specifically to MOUD patients. This shift in focus would support not only organizational, but community wide objectives of enhancing access for patients experiencing OUD.

In addition to improving MOUD accessibility, we are dedicated to increasing the distribution of Narcan, a critical tool in reversing opioid overdoses. Our distribution efforts will target individuals with OUD, their family members and friends, key local organizations and businesses, and the broader community. By making Narcan more readily available, we can empower more people to act swiftly in emergency situations, ultimately saving lives and reducing the number of fatal overdoses.

Furthermore, we recognize the importance of community education in our efforts to combat the opioid crisis. We will provide comprehensive education on harm reduction strategies, aiming to reduce the stigma associated with substance use and promote a more compassionate and informed approach to addressing this issue. Our educational initiatives will also focus on discouraging the initiation of substance use, particularly among young people, by raising awareness about the risks and consequences associated with opioid use.

Through these combined efforts, we strive to create a safer, healthier community where individuals affected by OUD can access the support and resources they need to recover and thrive. By addressing the multifaceted nature of the opioid crisis with targeted interventions and widespread education, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of those impacted by this epidemic.

Evaluation Method*

Describe how you plan to evaluate the effectiveness of the program and what the method for evaluation will be.

To ensure the effectiveness of our initiatives and to continuously improve our approach, we will implement a robust tracking system that meticulously monitors various aspects of our program. First, we will track the overall number of patients receiving Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD), with detailed subcategories for those who are pregnant, justice-involved, have recently experienced overdoses requiring medical care at the Emergency Department, and those who are unhoused, particularly those seen via our mobile van. This detailed tracking will allow us to identify trends, gaps, and areas needing additional support, ensuring that our services are reaching the most vulnerable populations effectively.

In addition to monitoring MOUD patients, we will also track the distribution of Narcan on a monthly basis. This includes recording the amount of Narcan given out and categorizing the recipients into those with an OUD, their family members and friends, key local organizations and businesses, and community members. By analyzing this data, we can assess the reach and impact of our Narcan distribution efforts, ensuring that this life-saving medication is accessible to those who need it most and can act swiftly in overdose situations.

Furthermore, we will keep a detailed record of the number of presentations we conduct and the number of attendees at each session. These presentations are crucial for community education on harm reduction,

stigma reduction, and discouraging substance use initiation. By tracking attendance and engagement, we can evaluate the effectiveness of our educational initiatives and make necessary adjustments to maximize their impact.

Through these comprehensive tracking methods, we aim to create a data-driven approach that not only measures our progress but also informs our future strategies. This will enable us to adapt and refine our efforts, ensuring that we are making a meaningful difference in the lives of those affected by opioid use disorder and contributing to the overall health and safety of our community.

Data Source*

What information are you going to collect or use to demonstrate you have accomplished your goals?

To ensure the precision and effectiveness of our initiatives, we will implement a comprehensive data tracking system that integrates both electronic and manual methods. Utilizing our electronic medical records system, Epic, we will meticulously track the number and type of patients receiving Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) on a monthly basis. This system will allow us to categorize patients based on specific criteria such as pregnancy, justice involvement, recent overdoses requiring emergency medical care, and those who are unhoused, particularly those seen via our mobile van. By systematically recording this data, we can gain valuable insights into the demographics and needs of our patient population, enabling us to tailor our services more effectively and ensure that we are reaching the most vulnerable groups.

In addition to tracking MOUD patients, we will monitor the distribution of Narcan using a combination of paper and electronic methods. Physical Narcan distribution will be recorded on a paper sign-out sheet, while electronic prescriptions will be tracked through our electronic medical records. Each month, we will tally the total amount of Narcan distributed and categorize the recipients into those with an OUD, their family members and friends, key local organizations and businesses, and community members. This dual approach ensures comprehensive and accurate tracking of Narcan distribution, allowing us to assess the reach and impact of our efforts and ensure that this life-saving medication is accessible to those who need it most.

Furthermore, we will use attendance sheets to record the number of attendees at each community presentation. These presentations are a crucial component of our educational initiatives, focusing on harm reduction, stigma reduction, and discouraging substance use initiation. By keeping detailed records of attendance, we can evaluate the effectiveness of our outreach and make data-driven adjustments to enhance our educational programs.

Through these detailed data tracking methods, we aim to create a robust and responsive system that not only measures our progress but also informs our future strategies. This approach will enable us to continuously improve our efforts, ensuring that we are making a meaningful impact on the lives of those affected by opioid use disorder and contributing to the overall health and well-being of our community.

Awareness*

How do you plan to create awareness of this program? Briefly describe what action the program plans to take to create awareness in the community.

Our commitment to building awareness of our Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) work is unwavering, and we will continue to strengthen our community partnerships and outreach efforts. Through our extensive collaborations with St. James, particularly the Emergency Department and obstetrics, the Butte Pre-Release Center, the Butte-Silver Bow Detention Center, the Butte Rescue Mission, and the Butte Silver-Bow Health Department, we aim to educate their providers and staff about our services, ensuring seamless continuity of care across our organizations.

By directly providing medical visits to the Butte Pre-Release Center, the Butte-Silver Bow Detention Center, and the Butte Rescue Mission, we can assess individuals for opioid use disorder (OUD) and ensure that our mutual patients are fully aware of the MOUD services available to them. This direct engagement allows us to offer timely and effective support, addressing the needs of those most at risk.

In addition to these efforts, we plan to visit key organizations and businesses within the community to ensure they are equipped with Narcan and have access to fliers and information about our program. By doing so, we aim to empower more community members to act in emergency situations and spread awareness about the resources available for OUD treatment and harm reduction.

Through these comprehensive outreach and partnership initiatives, we strive to create a well-informed and supportive community that is better equipped to address the challenges of opioid use disorder. Our goal is to foster a network of care that not only provides immediate assistance but also promotes long-term recovery and well-being for all individuals affected by OUD. Together, we can make a significant impact on the health and safety of our community, ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to access the support and resources they need to thrive.

Additional Documents

Tax Exempt Organization*

By clicking this box you are confirming the applying organization is a tax exempt organization.

Yes

Tax Exempt Determination Letter*

Please upload a copy of the Organization 501(C)(3) Tax Exempt Determination Letter.

IRS 501c3 Status Letter Original from 1987.pdf

Use this section to upload or explain any additional information regarding the program/organization. ie. a detailed budget projection, program/organization history, etc.

Upload #1

BSB Opioid MOAT Budget.xlsx

Upload #2

Meet Our MOUD Team.pdf

Upload #3

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Additional Information

File Attachment Summary

Applicant File Uploads

- Budget Narrative-MOAT.pdf
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Budget Narrative

Local Opioid Settlement Grant Application

Salaries & Wages

This budget includes .25 FTE of a registered nurse and .25 FTE care manager for

Nurse Practitioner \$57.50/hour x 520 Hours	\$29,900		
Care Manager \$20.00/hour x 520 Hours	\$10,400	Total	\$40,300.00

Fringe Benefit

This budget includes statutory taxes and insurance in addition to discretionary benefits of health insurance, life insurance, and pension match totaling 23.0%

Total \$9,269.00

Travel	None	Total	\$0.00
Equipment	None	Total	\$0.00
Supplies	None	Total	\$0.00
Contractual	None	Total	\$0.00
Other	None	Total	\$0.00

Total Direct Costs \$49,569.00

Indirect Costs Facility OH and Administrative Allocation of 10% **Total \$4,957.00**

Total Grant Budget Year 1 \$54,526.00

Total Grant Budget Year 2 \$54,526.00

Total Grant Budget Year 3 \$54,526.00

Total 3-year Budget \$163,578.00

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Employer Identification Number:

81-0432169

Case Number:

360045208

Person to Contact:

JOE WOHLRAB

Contact Telephone Number:

(312) 886-1278

Accounting Period Ending:

SEPT 30

Form 990 Required: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Caveat Applies:

NO

Dear Applicant:

Based on information supplied, and assuming your operations will be as stated in your application for recognition of exemption, we have determined you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

We have further determined that you are not a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Code, because you are an organization described in section 509(a)(1) & 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

If your sources of support, or your purposes, character, or method of operation change, please let us know so we can consider the effect of the change on your exempt status and foundation status. In the case of an amendment to your organizational document or bylaws, please send us a copy of the amended document or bylaws. Also, you should inform us of all changes in your name or address.

As of January 1, 1984, you are liable for taxes under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (social security taxes) on remuneration of \$100 or more you pay to each of your employees during a calendar year. You are not liable for the tax imposed under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA).

Since you are not a private foundation, you are not subject to the excise taxes under Chapter 42 of the Code. However, you are not automatically exempt from other Federal excise taxes. If you have any questions about excise, employment, or other Federal taxes, please let us know.

Donors may deduct contributions to you as provided in section 170 of the Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to you or for your use are deductible for Federal estate and gift tax purposes if they meet the applicable provisions of Code sections 2055, 2106, and 2522.

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District Director, Chicago District

Letter 947(DO) (Rev. 4-86)

Southwest Montana Community Health Center
BSB Local Opioid Settlement
Proposed Grant Budget
Proposal Date: December 18, 2024

	Hourly	Hours/year	Total Year 1	Total Year 2	Total Year 3	3 Year Total
Direct Labor						
Nurse Practitioner - Kara H	57.50	520	\$ 29,900	\$ 29,900	\$ 29,900	\$ 89,700
Care Manager - Beth H.	20.00	520	\$ 10,400	\$ 10,400	\$ 10,400	\$ 31,200
Total Direct Labor			\$ 40,300	\$ 40,300	\$ 40,300	\$ 120,900
Fringe						
Fringe includes FICA, UI, Workers Comp, Health/Life Ins, pension match, etc.		23%	\$ 9,269	\$ 9,269	\$ 9,269	\$ 27,807
Total Direct Labor & Fringe			\$ 49,569	\$ 49,569	\$ 49,569	\$ 148,707
Facility OH & Admin Allocation						
Facility OH & Admin %		10%	\$ 4,957	\$ 4,957	\$ 4,957	\$ 14,871
Total Proposed Budget			\$ 54,526	\$ 54,526	\$ 54,526	\$ 163,578

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Meet Our MOUD Team

Our Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) team is a dedicated group of professionals committed to combating the opioid crisis and supporting individuals on their journey to recovery. At the heart of our team are compassionate healthcare providers, including nurse practitioners, registered nurses, behavioral health therapists, and care managers, who bring a wealth of experience and expertise in addiction medicine. They work diligently to ensure that each patient receives personalized, evidence-based care tailored to their unique needs.

Leading our team is Kara Howard, FNP. Kara is not just a nurse practitioner; she is the heart and soul behind our MOUD program, which she initiated in 2018. Her unwavering dedication continues to drive the program forward, making a profound impact on our clinic and community. Historically, Kara's primary role is a Family Nurse Practitioner managing a complete panel of primary care patients. This funding would enable SWMTCHC to support Kara's passion by allowing her to dedicate more time to MOUD patients. Her expanded role will allow for closer collaboration with care teams, sharing her insights and experiences to further refine our approach to treatment. Her dedication to this cause not only serves the patient but also inspires the entire team to strive for excellence in delivering comprehensive healthcare solutions.

Within our clinic, Kara's compassionate care shines through as she meets with MOUD patients both in-person and via televisits. She meticulously develops our protocols and passionately educates our staff, ensuring everyone from the front desk to providers is well-versed in MOUD. Her training emphasizes reducing stigma, promoting harm reduction, and adhering to evidence-based prescribing practices.

Kara's commitment extends beyond our clinic walls. She conducts educational presentations on Narcan and spearheads community distribution efforts. Her outreach includes impactful presentations to all students at Butte High School, where she addresses the dangers of substance use and the risks of counterfeit pills.

Over the years, Kara has forged strong, collaborative relationships with various community partners. Our partnership with the local hospital, for instance, ensures that patients started on MOUD at the hospital receive same-day or next-day visits at our clinic, providing seamless continuity of care. This hospital-Community Health Center bridge program has garnered praise at the state level and among CHCs in the northwest region. Kara also collaborates closely with local obstetrical providers to offer MOUD to pregnant individuals, ensuring they receive the care they need. Her multi-year collaboration with the criminal justice system and city government has led to our jail and prerelease center now allowing MOUD, prescribed by our SWMTCHC providers. Starting OUD treatment while sober helps prevent further incidents of substance use, supporting individuals in achieving their long-term goals. This initiative-taking approach fosters stability and healthier transitions back into the community. Through her diligent efforts at our clinic and in the community, Kara has significantly improved access to MOUD, enabling individuals to receive evidence-based care whenever they are ready. Her work is a testament to her compassion, dedication, and unwavering commitment to making a difference in the lives of those she serves.

Another vital member of our MOUD team is our devoted care manager, Beth Hettick. Beth serves as a guiding light and source of support for our patients. Her responsibilities extend well beyond mere care

management; she cultivates meaningful, trusting relationships with everyone, consistently meeting with them and remaining a steadfast, dependable presence in their lives.

Beth's commitment to her patients is unwavering. She is always available, whether through a direct call or an in-clinic visit, to address their social needs. She works to ensure they have access to essential resources or services like housing, transportation, food, employment, and legal aid. By regularly monitoring their Social Determinants of Health, Beth identifies and addresses any emerging needs, ensuring no one falls through the cracks.

For those without insurance, Beth navigates the complexities of enrolling them in Medicaid or ACA, and for the underinsured, she facilitates access to the 340B sliding scale for appointments and medications. Her dedication extends to pregnant individuals, including those with OUD, ensuring they receive the comprehensive care they need during such a critical time. Beth also collaborates closely with St. James to maintain continuity of care, ensuring that patients receive consistent and coordinated support. Through her intensive care management, Beth embodies our holistic approach to supporting long-term recovery, addressing not just the medical but also the social and emotional needs of our patients.

Together, our MOUD team is united by a shared mission; to provide comprehensive, integrated care that improves the lives of individuals with opioid use disorder. Through their combined expertise, compassion and dedication, they strive to make a lasting impact on the communities they serve, offering hope and healing to those affected by the opioid crisis.

Funding plays a vital role in the MOUD program, as it directly influences our capacity to deliver life-saving treatment and support. Sufficient funding guarantees that we can maintain and improve access to essential medications, providing access for all patients, regardless of their ability to pay. Additionally, it enables us to combine these medications with comprehensive behavioral therapies and counseling, tackling the complex aspects of addiction. The intent of the Montana Opioid Abatement Trust funding aligns seamlessly with SWMTCHC's MOUD program. This funding will allow us to persist in our mission to decrease opioid-related fatalities and enhance health outcomes. By fostering a robust network of support, we can create a community that is resilient against the challenges posed by opioid addiction, paving the way for a healthier future for all.